Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A letter written by Paul, a follower of Jesus after His death, to the Christians in Rome.

Roman Christians were most likely very poor and heavily persecuted. Paul is writing both to teach about God and encourage them.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Paul writes even in hard circumstances, believers can hope in God's future restoration. While we wait, God's Spirit helps us.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 4: INVITED TO TRUST GOD'S WORK

Romans 8:18 – 28 (NIV)

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the
glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation
for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to
frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected
it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to
decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of
childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our
adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we
were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they
already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it
patiently.
26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what
we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless
groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of
God.
28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love
him, who have been called according to his purpose.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

In most fields of healthcare, you see many examples of people and the world being broken. Pray for any examples that come to mind now. Paul writes that we have a future hope in God. Think of one or two people you want to share this hope with. Write their names down, and choose a time this week you will commit to praying for them:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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